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Commission for Impartial Courts Steering Committee to Meet February 25

WHAT: A business meeting will be held by the Judicial Council's Commission for Impartial Courts Steering Committee, chaired by Associate Justice Ming W. Chin of the California Supreme Court. The commission will hear reports from task force chairs on judicial campaign finance, judicial candidate campaign conduct, judicial selection and retention, and public information and education. The commission will also hear a report from the subcommittee on public hearings. The Commission for Impartial Courts was appointed by Chief Justice Ronald M. George in September 2007 to safeguard judicial quality, impartiality and accountability. www.courtinfo.ca.gov/presscenter/newsreleases/NR50-07.PDF.

WHEN: Monday, February 25, 2008, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Hiram W. Johnson State Building
Judicial Council Conference Center
Third Floor, Sequoia Room
455 Golden Gate Avenue,
San Francisco, California 94102

AGENDA: Agenda is attached.

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MEETING



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Agenda

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| 10:00 – 10:10 a.m. | Welcome and overview of the meeting
<i>Hon. Ming Chin, Chair</i> |
| 10:10 – 10:25 a.m. | Public comment related to Commission or Steering Committee issues (Subject to requests)
<i>Public Attendees</i> |
| 10:25 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Reports from Task Force Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judicial Campaign Finance – Hon. William MacLaughlin• Judicial Candidate Campaign Conduct – Hon. Douglas Miller• Judicial Selection and Retention – Hon. Ronald Robie• Public Information and Education – Hon. Judith McConnell |
| 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. | LUNCH |
| 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. | Review and discussion of Commission charges |
| 1:45 – 2:15 p.m. | Report from Subcommittee on Public Hearings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General discussion and input from Steering Committee <i>Mr. Joseph Cotchett, Chair</i> |
| 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. | Task Force reports to Steering Committee – discussion, deadlines, format |
| 2:30 – 2:50 p.m. | Law Day activities/programs – discussion |
| 2:50 – 3:00 p.m. | Other business |
| 3:00 p.m. | ADJOURN |